

**EMERGENCY SUPPORT FUNCTION 13  
PUBLIC SAFETY, LAW ENFORCEMENT, AND SECURITY**

**PRIMARY AGENCY:** Washington State Patrol

**SUPPORT AGENCIES:** Washington State Department of Corrections  
Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife  
Washington State Liquor Control Board  
Washington State Military Department  
Emergency Management Division  
National Guard  
Washington State Department of Natural Resources  
Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission  
Washington State Utilities and Transportation Commission

**I. INTRODUCTION**

**A. Purpose**

To coordinate statewide law enforcement operations, including support to local law enforcement agencies.

**B. Scope**

The intent of this Emergency Support Function (ESF) is to outline the law enforcement procedures required to respond to a statewide emergency or disaster.

**II. POLICIES**

The Washington State Patrol (WSP) and supporting state agencies will, within the limits of their resources and authority, coordinate with other federal, state, and local law enforcement organizations to support law enforcement operations.

**III. SITUATION**

**A. Emergency/Disaster Conditions and Hazards**

See the Basic Plan and Hazard Identification and Vulnerability Assessment.(HIVA)

**B. Planning Assumptions**

1. Local jurisdictions or organizations will exhaust their law enforcement and mutual aid resources before seeking assistance from the WSP.

**Comment [kma1]:** From the Basic Plan: **A. Emergency/Disaster Conditions and Hazards**

1. . Emergencies or disasters can occur causing human suffering, injury and death, property damage, environmental degradation, loss of essential services, economic hardship and disruption to state, local, and tribal governments, as well as other governmental entities.
2. The Washington State HIVA provides information on the natural and technological (human-caused) hazards throughout the state. The HIVA assesses the state's vulnerability to hazards, provides a methodology for analyzing hazards, and provides the basis for this Plan.
3. . Washington State is vulnerable to the natural hazards of avalanche, drought, earthquake, flood, landslide, severe storm, tsunami, volcano, and wildland fire.
4. Washington State is vulnerable to many technological (human-caused) hazards associated with abandoned underground mines, chemicals, civil disturbances, dam failures, hazardous materials, pipelines, radiological releases, terrorism, transportation incidents, and urban fires.

2. State agency personnel and resources will provide assistance, as available, during an emergency or disaster.

#### **IV. CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS**

##### **A. General**

1. In time of an emergency or disaster, law enforcement agencies perform a wide range of functions. These include, but are not limited to, warning and evacuation, search and rescue, emergency medical services, communications, access control, and enforcement of emergency traffic regulations.
2. Assistance between law enforcement agencies within the state is facilitated by the signatory agencies to a Mutual Law Enforcement Assistance Agreement, as provided in Chapter 10.93 RCW, the Washington mutual aid peace officers powers act.
3. When local law enforcement and mutual aid resources are exhausted, supplemental assistance may be requested through local and state emergency management channels.
4. Law enforcement units provided by other levels of government will remain under the command of their parent agency.
5. The WSP will coordinate statewide emergency or disaster law enforcement activities.

##### **B. Organization**

1. Law enforcement operations are conducted by local jurisdictions, state agencies, and tribal governments within the limits of their resources and authority. In the event additional state law enforcement resources are required, they may be requested through the local emergency management organization and/or the Washington State Military Department, Emergency Management Division (EMD), state Emergency Operations Center (SEOC).
2. Coordination of the state law enforcement support will be performed by the WSP.

##### **C. Procedures**

Law enforcement response will be in accordance with the operational procedures of the responding agencies and the *Washington State Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan* (CEMP).

##### **D. Mitigation Activities**

###### **1. Primary Agency**

**Washington State Patrol**

None.

**2. Support Agencies**

**Washington State Departments of Corrections, Fish and Wildlife, Liquor Control Board, Military Department, Natural Resources, Parks and Recreation Commission, and the Utilities and Transportation Commission**

None.

**E. Preparedness Activities**

**1. Primary Agency**

**Washington State Patrol**

- a. Develop emergency operational guidance for the effective use of the WSP's resources.
- b. Assist local law enforcement agencies in the coordination of emergency management plans.
- c. Participate in state and local emergency response exercises and training.
- d. Coordinate and maintain liaison with the Washington State Departments of Corrections, Fish and Wildlife, Military Department, Natural Resources, Parks and Recreation Commission, Liquor Control Board, and the Utilities and Transportation Commission, for the use of agency personnel and equipment for special emergency assignments.

**2. Support Agencies**

- a. **Washington State Departments of Corrections, Fish and Wildlife, Liquor Control Board, Natural Resources, Parks and Recreation Commission, and the Utilities and Transportation Commission**

Develop and maintain agency procedures to reinforce the WSP during emergencies or disasters.

- b. **Washington State Military Department, Emergency Management Division**

- (1) Coordinate with state agencies to ensure operational readiness.

- (2) Maintain the state EOC, Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan (CEMP) and Emergency Operations Procedures for the state.
- (3) Coordinate the development of an inventory of available state law enforcement resources with WSP.
- (4) Coordinate development of state public safety agency procedures to reinforce the WSP during emergencies or disasters.

**F. Response**

**1. Primary Agency**

**Washington State Patrol**

- a. Assist local authorities with law enforcement operations.
- b. Staff the state EOC and coordinate requests for additional law enforcement assistance.
- c. Coordinate with other state agencies for use of available law enforcement resources to assist with special assignments.
- d. Assist state EMD in the receipt and dissemination of warning information to local jurisdictions or organizations.
- e. Provide communications systems in support of state emergency operations.
- f. Coordinate, in conjunction with the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT), emergency highway traffic regulations.
- g. Provide security to vital state facilities in the event of international hostilities, as requested.
- h. Coordinate law enforcement and emergency traffic control throughout the state with the assistance of the Military Department and WSDOT.
- i. Provide communications resources in support of statewide emergency operational needs.
- j. Assume the role of Incident Command Agency for hazardous materials incidents on all state and/or interstate highways and in designated local political subdivisions.
- k. Provide aircraft for reconnaissance of disaster-impacted areas.

- I. Provide Public Information Officer (PIO) support to the Office of the Governor or to the state EOC.

## **2. Support Agencies**

### **a. Washington State Departments of Corrections, Fish and Wildlife, Liquor Control Board, Natural Resources, Parks and Recreation Commission, Military Department, and the Utilities and Transportation Commission**

Provides personnel and equipment to reinforce the WSP for special emergency assignments.

### **b. Department of Corrections**

- (1) Provides minimum-security inmate personnel for sandbagging, evacuation assistance, firefighting crews, and other emergency or disaster work.
- (2) Provides shelter for emergency or disaster victims at correction facilities, as possible.
- (3) Provides public information officer support to the Office of the Governor, the state EMD, the state EOC, or the lead state response agency during response and recovery activities.
- (4) Provides personnel and equipment to assist the Washington State Patrol with special assignments.
- (5) Coordinates the documentation and reporting of emergency disaster-related expenditures to qualify for state or federal reimbursement.
- (6) Coordinates Project Worksheet Team activities at affected facilities.

### **c. Washington State Military Department**

#### **(1) Emergency Management Division**

- (a) Activates the state EOC, issues warning and activates the Emergency Alert System (EAS), as necessary.
- (b) Notifies the WSP and other state agencies of the potential need for law enforcement assistance.
- (c) Coordinates emergency public information concerning emergency law enforcement activities with the WSP and the state EMD PIO.

**(2) National Guard**

When activated by the Governor, the National Guard provides supplementary security forces to patrol damaged areas, establish roadblocks, and directs traffic, as requested.

**G. Recovery Activities**

**Primary and Support Agencies**

See ESF 14, Recovery and Restoration.

**V. RESPONSIBILITIES**

**A. Primary Agency**

**Washington State Patrol**

Coordinates statewide law enforcement in support of an emergency or disaster operations.

**B. Support Agencies**

**Washington State Departments of Corrections, Fish and Wildlife, Liquor Control Board, Military Department, Natural Resources, Parks and Recreation Commission, and the Utilities and Transportation Commission**

Augments and supports the WSP in the accomplishment of law enforcement operations.

**VI. RESOURCE REQUIREMENTS**

The primary and support agencies will provide their own internal support, i.e. vehicles, travel, and per diem to their staff.

Support agencies will provide enforcement and commissioned officers, vehicles, and traffic control equipment, as requested.

**VII. REFERENCES**

See CEMP Basic Plan.

**VIII. DEFINITIONS AND ACRONYMS**

See CEMP Basic Plan.